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Total	176,153
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Average for August, 1908.....	5097
Increase	1678

Personally appeared before me this September 10, 1909, E. J. Paxton, general manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of August, 1909, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

PETER PURYEAR,
Notary Public McCracken Co.
My commission expires January 10, 1912.

Daily Thought.

There is an eloquence in a kindly deed beyond the eloquence of speech. Words by themselves are nothing.

Halley's comet has appeared on time astronomers report, which speaks well for the celestial schedule.

Students of McCracken High can prove by example that croquet is a more dangerous pastime than football; for a lady at Benton tripped over a wicked and fractured her hip bone, while a broken arm is the worst Lone Oak casualty.

President Vance, of the Ohio Valley Improvement association, is advocating something far more beneficial to the country generally and this section in particular, than the spectacular lakes-to-the-gulf-deep-waterway, in his nine-foot channel for the Ohio. When we get year-around navigation of the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland, with through boats from Paducah to Pittsburgh, Knoxville and above Nashville, then we shall see a return of the old time river traffic; for it is the through tonnage that counts on the river, and there will be a dozen river craft, where now one is seen at the Paducah wharf.

HIGHER EDUCATION AT LONE OAK.

If the public was astounded when McCracken county school authorities went ahead of Paducah in furnishing a classical course, what will it think of the new born institution beating Chicago University and Yale to the first casualty of the 1909 football season? From the gridiron of the Rockefeller institute not a single shriek of pain has been raised. Yale cannot boast a strained tendon or a torn ligament, while under the classic shade of Kentucky western campus, already blood has baptized the oval field, and a busted finger joint and sprained ankle will assure McCracken High's campus of the esthetic setting of the hero on crutches and the fair co-eds. Indeed, for a beginner, McCracken High may be said to have slightly overshot the mark. It has left college athletics in the rear, and got itself into the class with automobile races; for a flying wedge jumped the track at a turn and went crashing through the sidelines, to the serious injury of a spectator. With a bound Lone Oak springs to the front as a seat of learning and McCracken High takes rank among the institutions of higher education.

SETTLEMENT OF THE SMEDLEY SHORTAGES.

We never did quite understand the haste with which the fiscal court, before the amount of Hiram Smedley's alleged shortages were ascertained, instructed the county attorney to settle with the bonding company, which was Mr. Smedley's surety, on a blanket bond. The settlement could not have been made with full knowledge of the company's obligation; because it was not yet ascertained. It is true, Mr. Barkley says the company settled

only in part; but it seems remarkable that a bonding company, which makes a business of such matters, and was represented by attorneys, would agree to pay over part of the alleged shortages, which had never been legally established, and agree to remain obligated to make good any other shortages, afterward found to be existing at the time of the compromise. If the county's loss has actually been settled for \$1,582.50, less the fees of the county attorney for collecting the amount, McCracken county tax payers are out a few thousand dollars. If the bonding company so readily assented to the first settlement, and was still bound for other delinquencies, how is it that the company balks on paying the rest? It will be a pity if this case is not tried at this term of the circuit court; so we can know for sure.

FOUNDING OF MARK TWAIN'S HUMOR.

In the September number of the North American Review, Eugene H. Angert raises the question is "Mark Twain Dead?" and argues that the organization of the Mark Twain company to publish his works, his reculsion, and the character of literary work he is now doing, indicate that some one is impersonating Mark Twain, who died in Switzerland in 1906. He says Mark Twain could not have written "Christian Science" and "Is Shakespeare Dead?" He closes his article with the ingenious argument that when Mark Twain was reported dead once before he answered with the laconic statement that reports of his death were greatly exaggerated. Now, if he is living he will reply with equally dry humor. If he is dead his impersonator will come back seriously, or ignore the question. Consequently, the public demands, that if Mark is alive, he crack a joke. Since he has been compelled to apologize to his private secretary and pay her big damages, we may justly conclude, that if the subject of Mr. Angert's article is capable of cracking a joke under the circumstances, he is no other than our own Mark Twain.

Kentucky Kernels

Mayfield trustee officer kept busy. Big Methodist revival at Glasgow. George K. Kreiger, 85, tobaccoist, dies. Jesse Starks, 70, dies at Hardins.

Tobacco barn room scarce in Ballard. Mrs. George Walker, 86, dies near Harvey.

Boone Creek Baptist association at Winchester. Mrs. Nannie Rust, 43, of Melber, taken to asylum.

Burglars dynamiting safe at Monticello, scared away.

Commercial clubs of central Kentucky at Lexington. Luther D. Morgan, lumberman of Owensboro, bankrupt.

John Heath victim of night riders in Trigg, in Oklahoma.

Marion Myers dies at Cairo. Former resident of Mayfield.

Mrs. Pernette Lassiter, 58, dies at Mayfield of typhoid fever.

Burley crop in Nicholas and adjoining counties damaged.

Minerva Pervine, of Mayfield, files divorce from Will Pervine.

State Federation of Woman's clubs meets at Frankfort in May.

Pearl Gore, 5, dies near Mayfield of watermelon seed in the lung.

Two residences, machine shop and Frank Watson's barn burn at Hickman.

Babe Cross, negro, of Bowling Green, given 16 years for stealing turkey.

James Stewart, colored, who assaulted Bowling Green woman, given 12 years.

Carrie Morris, Fulton, and Robert Morris Mayes, Mayfield, marry at Fulton.

Gabe Jones, negro convict, at Frankfort, given life sentence for killing fellow prisoner.

The Rev. S. J. Cannon, pastor of Third Avenue Baptist church, Louisville, enters evangelistic field.

Miss Kate Wright, of San Bernardino, Cal., who is visiting father in Mayfield, will return home October 1.

While playing croquet at Benton, Mrs. Nora Lamo, an aged lady, tripped over a wicked and fell, breaking her hip. She will be permanently crippled.

Fourth class postmasters elect following officers: McH. Webb, Simpsonville, president; M. D. Oldham, Bloomfield, vice-president; Miss Nora B. Price, Brandenburg, secretary; W. C. Huddleston, Butler, treasurer; B. F. Wilson, Sulphur, and C. A. Foote, Sparta, executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nanney, of Paducah, returned to their home after a short visit to relatives in town this week.

Mrs. W. L. Reynolds, who has been sick for a week, is improving.

Miss Gordo Hall left Sunday for Memphis, where she will remain only two or three weeks, after which she will return home at Oak Level.

Mr. and Mrs. George West are very proud of a fine boy, who made his appearance in their home a few days ago.

Evangelist J. H. Neal preached at the Methodist church here Wednesday night and began a revival Thursday at Pleasant Grove church.

Tribune-Democrat.

An exhibition of temper is invariably a free show.

SOME STORIES AROUND TOWN

Constable A. C. Shelton has something of a reputation for fearlessness and when he starts out to serve he usually does the job or there is some mighty good reason why the peace officer is unsuccessful. Recently he had an attachment for a piano and went out to the house to take charge of the music producer. The family spied the constable first, and before he reached the house all the doors were braced and the windows barred. Constable Shelton found the house barricaded like a fort, but he called upon the owner to open the door using the threats that he would force an entrance. Seeing the constable was firm the woman of the house called up an attorney, telling him of the constable's presence and threats, but assuring him that the doors and windows were barred, and she wanted advice how to get him away. "Well," replied the lawyer. "You open that door right at once or Shelton will tear down that door just as he says he will."

In the life of a school superintendent there are many troubles, but usually on the under side there is a silver lining. Superintendent J. A. Carnagey makes use of his motto "Keep smiling" in all of the cares and annoyances of the office. One of the most vexing conditions he has had to contend with was the sending of children to the office without a guardian or anybody to answer questions, and many of the little fellows were unable to answer questions. "Several children," said Professor Carnagey, "did not increase in age this year. I had several children to apply for cards and gave their age as 7 years. An examination of the records showed that the same child entered school and gave the age of 6 years, when last year the same age was given. To add to the complication a brother made application for a card and said he was 6 years old. I suppose they were twins, but they said not, and I presume one child had forgotten he had a birthday."

The Louisville Times says: "Frank M. Fisher, postmaster at Paducah, capitalist and coal operator newspaper man and insurance magnate, is here for the state fair and will remain several days. He says that the fair is the greatest institution in the south, and says every Kentuckian should be proud of it. Mr. Fisher has been prominently mentioned for a big position at Washington and, as he is a warm personal friend of Postmaster General Hitchcock who is a power with the Taft administration, there is little doubt that Mr. Fisher could get what he wants. He, however, is content to remain at Paducah, where he can serve as postmaster and look after The Sun, a daily publication, of which he is part owner."

From the ball field to the penitentiary is the record of Charles G. Warner, formerly a catcher for the Henderson ball team in the Kitty league. Warner has just received a sentence of one year in the penitentiary on the charge of converting money of another to his own use. Warner played ball in Paducah, and at one time helped the Paducah team out while shy of back stops.

RAILROAD NOTES

Samuel G. Hatch, general passenger agent of the Illinois Central, has been elected president of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, which met in Toledo this week.

Master Mechanic J. H. Nash returned this morning from Louisville after attending the staff meeting yesterday. Only the routine business was transacted.

B. J. Feeley, traveling engineer of the Illinois Central, and James Mulvin, timekeeper, returned this morning from Chicago. They made the trip to Denver on the special train composed of traveling engineers.

Harry Kelley, representative of the Paducah machinists, returned this morning from Chicago, where the representatives have been in conference with the Illinois Central officials.

Lloyd Walker and Jeff Bell, machinists, have gone to Louisville to attend the state fair.

Special Agent S. King, of Louisville, was in the city this morning.

Arthur Swanson and Charles Mercer will leave tonight for Memphis on a visit.

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DR. COOK FULLY CORROBORATED

STOLBERG EXPEDITION MET EXPLORER AT EGESMINDE.

Party Met the Doctor Months After the News of His Success—Was Essentially the Same.

PRINTED IN A BERLIN PAPER

New York, Sept. 17.—Full corroboration and substantiation of Dr. Cook's discovery of the north pole, months before he was able to telegraph it, was approximately received by the arrival in the mail of the Cologne Evening News, dated Monday, September 6, in which a dispatch is printed from the Berlin Montag giving the account of the members of the Stolberg de Quervain expedition, who incidentally met Dr. Cook in Egesminde, in Greenland, many months after they had heard of his having reached the pole.

This expedition was purely a scientific one into North Greenland, and when the party reached the extreme limit of North Greenland, months ago, they were informed that "Dr. Cook" had discovered the "great land." At that time the members had no idea that on their return trip they would meet Dr. Cook himself and accompany him back to civilization.

Mention is made at length of a lecture delivered by Dr. Cook on board the Hans Egede, on August 29, giving the details of his discovery of the pole, which account is substantially the same as that contained in the New York Herald and Commercial Appeal and fully corroborates it.

RIVER NEWS

River Stages.		
Pittsburgh	5.5	0.3 fall
Cincinnati	7.3	0.3 rise
Louisville	3.9	0.1 rise
Evansville	4.1	0.1 rise
Mt. Vernon—Missing.		
Mt. Carmel	2.2	0.0 st'd
Nashville	7.5	0.1 fall
Chattanooga	2.8	0.1 fall
Florence	1.3	0.0 st'd
Johnsonville	2.9	0.0 st'd
Cairo	12.6	0.3 fall
St. Louis	9.6	0.5 fall
Paducah	3.8	0.2 fall

River Forecast.
The river at Paducah will continue falling today.
Weather clear.
River 3.8 feet.
Business good.

Today's Arrivals.
Chattanooga from Evansville this morning.
Kentucky from Metropolis this morning.

Mary Anderson from Caseyville this morning.
George Cowling from Metropolis at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Ohio from Golconda at 10 a. m.
Bettie Owen from Brookport and Illinois landings.

City of Sallito from Tennessee tonight.
Reuben Dunbar from Cairo tonight.

Today's Departures.
Chattanooga for Evansville this afternoon.
George Cowling for Metropolis at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Ohio for Golconda at 2 p. m.
Bettie Owen for Brookport and Illinois landings.

City of Sallito for St. Louis tonight.
Bob Dudley for Nashville at noon.

Reuben Dunbar for Cairo at 8 a. m.
Boats Due.
Henry Harley from Evansville tomorrow.

Chicksa from Memphis.

The towboat Mary Anderson came in from the mines at Caseyville at 7 o'clock this morning with a tow of coal and a loose crank which will be repaired. She will return to Caseyville tonight or tomorrow.

The Bob Dudley came in from Nashville at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and went to Brookport, returning at 8 o'clock last night. She reported that the river was low.

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ceived freight here this morning and departed at noon for Nashville.
The City of Sallito had a big trip of freight from the Tennessee today considering the low stage of the water.

The ferryboat Bettie Owen carried an excursion to the lower Ohio last night. A large crowd made the trip.

The cool weather has about put a ban on the steamboat excursions and if the temperature remains low the excursions will be ended.

The Kentucky arrived from the Tennessee river yesterday afternoon and went to Metropolis to unload, returning this afternoon. She leaves at 6 p. m. tomorrow evening for Riverton, Ala.

On her arrival at Memphis the Georgia Lee will enter the Vicksburg Memphis trade, taking the place of the Sadie Lee.

Pilots on the Evansville packets report the river in excellent condition between Paducah and Evansville, considering the low stage of water. They report only a few casts of three and a half feet on the Sisters Island and Caseyville.

Capt. E. A. Voight's sand and gravel digger was let off the marine ways yesterday afternoon and was at work in midstream this morning.

The towboat Condor came up light from Joppa this morning and returned this afternoon.

The river here fell two-tenths of a foot yesterday and is falling.

The Mississippi Packet company's steamer St. James is one of the luckiest, if not the luckiest, boat on the river, she having been twice struck by lightning and escaped without serious injury. About eight years ago, while she was tied to the wharf below Canal street, a bolt shattered her jackstaff, but did no other damage, and yesterday morning, about the time that St. John's church was struck, the jackstaff of the boat again attracted the lightning, which split it in two for a distance of about 25 feet from the top, one piece falling on the deck of the tugboat Ella Andrews, whose crew kept it to cut up for souvenirs, and the other falling into the river. Fortunately no one was in the vicinity of the jackstaff on either occasion, but William Smith, the sailorman of the boat, had a close call when the flash came yesterday, he having hauled down the flag from the staff on account of the threatening weather only a couple of minutes before.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Pittsburgh Sun, of Monday, says: "A rise amounting to about one foot came out of the Monongahela river yesterday, but it will do nothing but fill the depleted pools. There is still but two feet of water below Morrill dam, and within the past week more than a half-dozen parties of pilots have started out on 'low water trips,' it being their intention to go as far as Louisville. Several of the parties had light draught motor yaws, while others took nothing but rowboats. There have been many changes in the channel, and many obstructions have been reported since last year, so that it is an excellent opportunity to study the channel."

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PRESIDENT TAFT

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president, Chicago set a high mark in enthusiastic welcome.

Beginning with an automobile trip and a review of 150,000 school children along the boulevards, president's day was replete with incident. He attended and spoke briefly at a luncheon at the Commercial club, viewed the exhibit of the plans for the improvement and beautification of Chicago, attended a baseball game between the Chicago "Cubs" and the New York "Giants," dined with the Hamilton club, addressed a mass meeting this evening and attended the ball of the American Bankers' association.

At the ball game more than thirty thousand people were present. New York won, but the crowd had the compensation of cheering the president.

"Texas" Reilly, the San Antonio editor, who rode a horse from San Antonio to Chicago to invite Taft to visit that city, met the president at the ball game. He was in typical cowboy costume. The president assured Reilly that he was looking forward to his visit to San Antonio with great pleasure.

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Notice to Contractors.
The county school board will receive bids on the county high school building to be erected at Heath, McCracken county, Kentucky. Plans and specifications will be found in the office of the county school superintendent